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In the Application of:	) Examiner: A. Soderquist			
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Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 14th day of August, 2000

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## **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant petitions for a one-month extension of time in order to file a response to the Office Action so that the extended deadline for filing a response will be August 14, 2000.

08/18/2000 ETULU1 00000026 09039789 01 FC:215 55.00 OP Our check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee. No additional fee is believed to be required in connection with this response. However, if an additional fee is required, or to cover any deficiencies in fees paid, authorization is hereby given to charge to our Deposit Account No. 11-0231.

Respectfully submitted,

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